Connecticut General Assembly
Energy and Technology Committee
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Testimony of Jane Latus in Support of HB 5596 An Act Concerning the Right to Dry

My name is Jane Latus, I live at 8 Uplands Dr., Canton, CT, and I urge you to support the Act Concerning the Right to Dry. At a time when we should all be doing what we can to reverse global warming, and when energy costs are so high that some people's bills are a severe burden, it is nonsensical to restrict anyone's right to dry clothes on a line merely because someone finds it unattractive. (And, as an aside, to me the sight of laundry swaying in the breeze in the sun is a comforting, pleasant sight.) Clothesline-drying saves energy, reduces pollution and saves money – it seems so obvious that everyone should be allowed to do it, that it's hard to believe I find myself needing to write this letter.

Thank you for guaranteeing that no one be prohibited from this smart option.

Sincerely, Jane Latus

p.s. You may not be aware that line-drying also reduces the need to use bleach, a pollutant. The sun itself whitens laundry.